Strike by petrol pump owners

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the petrol pump owners had threatened Government to go on indefinite strike from the midnight (12 o'clock) of 12th April, 2007;

(b) if so, whether petrol pump owners had called off their strike at the initiative of him; and

(c) what are the demands of petrol pump owners and by when the same would be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details of the demands of the Federation are given below:—

(i) The dealers' margin must be fixed at 5% of invoice value.

(ii) The Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) 2005 should be revised to incorporate the outcome of the discussions already held.

(iii) Pending submission of the report of the Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun, no action should be taken against the dealers for negative stock losses beyond the current permissible limits.

(iv) The industry is to provide the marker testing equipment to the dealers, in line with the decision conveyed to the dealers when the marker system was introduced.

(v) Appoint an appellate authority where the dealers may make an appeal against the decisions of the officers of oil companies.

The demands of the Federation are under consideration.